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The Laboratory's Richard P. Feynman Center for Innovation and the New Mexico Angels are presenting the sixth annual DisrupTECH event this year across two days, Oct. 15 and Oct. 22. A celebration of the disruptive technology created by Los Alamos scientists, the virtual innovation event will feature twelve entrepreneurial-minded scientists showcasing their ideas in the tech areas with the goal of introducing their technology to entrepreneurs, investors, regional leaders, policy makers, and industrial partners. Registration is required, and you can [learn more at the DisrupTECH website](#).

Laboratory hosts popular virtual Community Conversation

The Laboratory hosted a virtual Community Conversation on Education and Workforce Sept. 2 attended by over 190 invited community leaders from across New Mexico. Laboratory Director Thom Mason spoke on projected Laboratory workforce needs and how partnerships with Northern New Mexico educational institutions are creating employment pathways for students in the region. State Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales, Cabinet Secretary of Workforce Development Bill McCamley, and Cabinet Secretary of Public Education Ryan Stewart also took part, outlining the State's role in supporting workforce development. Heather Sherman from Battelle education gave examples of successful partnerships in Ohio, and representatives from N3B, Pojoaque Valley School District and Santa Fe Community College discussed collaborative projects in the region.

Childcare resources added to NM STEAM Hub

The online [STEAM Hub of Northern New Mexico](#) has expanded to offer a wider range of useful resources for parents, children and educators in the region. In addition to its great selection of learning activities, links and materials, a [new childcare hub](#) makes it easy to connect with community and state childcare resources, find information on shared learning-groups, or volunteer to tutor students. The free STEAM Hub is an initiative of the Northern New Mexico STEAM Coalition, developed with support from the LANL Foundation, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Triad National Security, LLC, and the Community Learning Network.

New research on recruiting and retaining teachers

The LANL Foundation has published a report containing recommendations for recruiting and retaining teachers in Northern New Mexico. Based on surveys and focus groups with 742 teachers and 565 students from 32 districts, charter schools, and Bureau of Indian Education schools, the brief looks at the reasons for teacher shortages and suggests steps to ensure that every child has access to qualified, culturally-competent and effective teachers. The [full report and a research and policy brief based on the research are both available here](#).

Learn about STEM education programs from the Department of Energy

A new website, [All in STEM](#), showcases the U.S. Department of Energy education programs and resources designed to ensure that the best and the brightest from every community in America enter the STEM workforce. It includes information on programs from Los Alamos National Laboratory and the other national laboratories, and the resources can be filtered by age group or type of experience or opportunity. A project of [STEM Rising](#), the information will be updated regularly.

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